



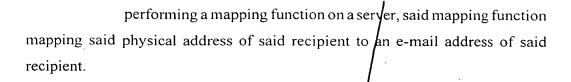
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical address to an e-mail address, wherein said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical address, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password; and

a recipient host that includes a web browser, said recipient host connected to said network, wherein said host can access e-mails on said server using said account number and said password.

- 2. The system of claim , wherein said server provides means for allowing said recipient to request that said e-mail be printed and forwarded via traditional mail.
- 3. The system of claim 1, wherein said server provides a graphical user interface that allows a recipient to select whether electronic mail is delivered to said electronic mailbox or is delivered via traditional mail.
- 4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a mailer host that includes a web browser, said mailer host connected to said network, wherein said mailer host includes a graphical user interface that allows said recipient to forward an e-mail to said mailer using said physical address.
- 5. A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps: allowing a user to specify a physical address of a recipient to whom the e-mail is to be sent; and



- 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of allowing said recipient to choose between receiving a physical mailpiece and an e-mail, wherein if said recipient chooses to receive e-mail, then storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox for said recipient; and wherein if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a printer where the e-mail is printed and delivered via traditional mail delivery means.
- 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
 dividing said e-mail into classes, said classes being specified by a
 particular E-designator tag; and

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive e-mail.

8. A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps: allowing a user to specify a physical address of a recipient to whom the e-mail is to be sent;

performing a mapping function on a serve, said mapping function mapping said physical address of said recipient to an e-mail address of said recipient;

dividing the e-mail into classes, said classes being specified by a particular E-designator tag;

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive an actual copy of the e-mail in a mail control file;

storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox of said recipient; and

and

if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a printer where the e-mail is printed, delivering the e-mail via traditional mail delivery means, and electronically notifying said recipient and sender that a physical copy of the e-mail was sent to said recipient.

9. A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical address to an e-mail address, wherein said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical address, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password, wherein said server includes a mail control file containing Edesignators, said E-designators representing classes in which said e-mail is divided; and

a recipient host, said host being able to access e-mails on said server using said account number and said password.

- 10. A method for parcel delivery notification, comprising the following steps:
 - (a) receiving an electronic order for a parcel;
 - (b) generating a parcel barcode;
 - (c) scanning a parcel barcode;
- (d) electronically notifying a buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail addressed to a physical address of said buyer, said step (d) occurring upon executing said scanning step (c);
 - (e) shipping the parcel to a parcel delivery center;
 - (f) scanning the parcel barcode at said parcel delivery center;
- (g) electronically notifying said buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail addressed to said physical address of said buyer, said step (g) occurring upon executing said step (f).

